

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6288
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CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY RANCHI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that mental patients working in Occupational Therapy Department in the Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi get Re. 1/- per month as remuneration;
- (b) if so, the basis on which this remuneration is paid and since when;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to revise the remuneration or allowance as the case may be;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) Mental patients require not only pharmacological treatment but also non-pharmacological treatment in the form of various psychotherapies. Token economy is one such form of therapy. In Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi, patients are trained in various occupational skills in the Occupational Therapy (O.T.) Department. This training is part of the therapy of such patients. The amount of Rs. 1/- amongst other is given to the patients as a reward to reinforce their interest in continuing with the training imparted to them in the O.T. Department. This amount is given as part of the treatment and not as stipend.